is no proposal under consideration of the Government to scrap the policy governing location of industries. Under the new Industrial Policy announced by the Government on 24th July, 1991, in locations other than cities of more than 1 millon population, there will be no requirement of obtaining Industrial approvals from the Government except for industries subject to comulsory licensing. In respect of cities with population greater than 1 million, industries other than those of a non-polluting nature will be located outside 25 Kms. of the periphery, except in prior designated industrial areas. However, existing zoning and land use regulations and environmental legislations will continue to regulate industrial locations. An entrepreneur is free to take decisions with repard to the location of an industrial unit as long as it conforms to the locational policy outlined above.

Delicensing of industries under new Industrial Policy

3210. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PA TEL; Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

fa) whether there is any proposal to delicence car, truck and scooter industries; and

(b) whether there is any proposal also to delicence Sugar industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN: (a) Under the Statement on Industrial Policy placed on the Table of both Houses of Parliament on 24th July, 1991, requirement of industrial licensing has been done away with for all types of automobiles except passenger cars.

(b) There is no proposal at present with Government for delicensing Sugar industry.

Manufacturing of LAB by Hindustan Lever

3211. SHRI CHATURANAN MISH RA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Hindustan Lever is not manufacturing the committed quantity of LAB., a vital input for detergents, in its unit in Punjab;

(b) if so, the details of the committed quantity and actual production in this unit during the last three years; and

(c) what action has been taken against that company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. J. KURIEN): (a) to (c) M/S. Hindustan Lever Ltd. have been issued a letter of intent dafed 23.5.89 for setting up an unit in the State of Punjab for the manufacture of 60,000 tonnes per annum of LAB. Implemenation of these project is held up as the source for supply of the critical raw material is yet to be tied up.

Vacancies of Chief Executives in Public Setor Undertakings

3212. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that vacancies of Chief Executives in Public Sector Undertakings have not been filled op *to* most cases despite recommendations of PESB;

(b) if so, the reason therefor;

(c) whether the concerned public sector undertakings under his Ministry are heavily suffering for non-filling of the post; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) and (b) As per information available there are 29 vacancies of Chief Executives in Public Sector Undertaldngis as on 13-12-1991. Out of these the recommendations of the P.E.S.B. are available in respect of 18 posts. The recommendations of the P.B.S.B. are processed in accordance with the prescribed procedure, before finalising appointments.